



ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH	
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Intentions this weekend:

Saturday 5:00 pm Liturgy: For the repose of the souls of Thomas John McCarthy (father) and Matthew Brown McCarthy (son); requested by Father Dennis and Lisa

Sunday 8:00 am Spanish/English Liturgy: For the peace, health, and salvation of Irene McCarthy and Kathleen McCarthy; requested by Father Dennis.

Sunday 10:00 am Liturgy: 40 Day Memorial for Joseph Yameen, who is the loving father of Yolla El Khoury on Sunday, August 27, at the end of Liturgy. Yolla and her husband Bechara, invite you to a meal at Filomena’s on Boston Post Road after church.

Please pray for: Ron and Mary Talge, Marino De La Cruz, Nick Rahal, Daniel Conigliaro, George Abbiati, Jr, Sandy Flaherty, Tanios Karam, Anna Villani, Dee Porlidis, Joyce Whelan, Father Ed Kakaty, John and Gloria Jeffords, Betty and Alex Antipoff, Marie Antipoff, Irene McCarthy, Kathleen McCarthy, Sheila Burke, Marcy Davis, Abroze Gharios, Lisa Brown, Dina Matar, Robert Lynch, Michael Mooradian, Michael McCurdy, Tommy Brown, Bill Curtis, Bobby Moutron and his sister Helen, Lisa Brown-McCarthy, Janice Carthy, Edward and Linda Zalonski, William Brown, Rebecca and her son Karter.

Meditation of the Day: “We do not come to church to attend the service as a spectator, but in order, along with the priest, to serve God. Everything we do—our entering, being present, our bowing, sitting, and standing, our reception of the sacred nourishment---should be divine service. This is so only when all we do overflows from the awareness of a collected heart and the mind’s attentiveness.”---Father Romano Guardini

Quote of the Day: “When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors, because in them we serve Christ.”---Saint Rose of Lima

Bible Verse of the Day: “But for thee, O Lord, do I wait, it is Thou, O Lord my God, who will answer.”---Psalm 38:15

Remember Me in Your Kingdom Memorial: This will occur at the end of 10:00 a.m. Liturgy on Sunday, September 3.

NOTES, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God: Divine Liturgy on, Friday, September 8 at 5:30 pm.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross: Divine Liturgy on Thursday, September 14, at 5:30

NEW COMMUNICATION TOOL: The Eparchy has initiated a new communication tool called *Flocknote*. It allows the Eparchy and the parish to send emails and texts to everyone with just the click of “the mouse”. I will be passing around a document at Liturgy to make sure we have everyone’s current home address, email address, and cell phone number. Please read these messages when they arrive! They are not “spam”!

Sanctuary Light for August: It will be illuminated for the repose of the soul of David Facas. This month marks the 16th anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord. This is requested by his loving Aunt and Godmother, Gloria Jeffords, and her husband John Jeffords.. May his memory be eternal

Church Etiquette: Below are listed some things that you should adhere to at church:

1. Bathroom: Many people drive long distances or have little children. While not always possible, please use the conference room bathroom before Liturgy or after. It is a distraction to the Liturgy to have people walking through the sacristy. If you need to use the conference room bathroom, please use one of the church entrances/exits and enter by the church office door. The doors to the hall will be open during Liturgy, so folks can also use the hall bathrooms, if they can navigate the stairs. Also, the outside doors to the hall will be open for those who cannot navigate the stairs.
2. Please do not come into the sacristy area before Liturgy. If you need to tell something to the priest, email or call, otherwise wait until Liturgy is over. There are preparations going on for the service and people entering the sacristy causes distraction.
3. **We are doing a good job of putting the booklets with the binders facing up in the pew holders. Please return all bulletins and papers that you are not taking home to the place you pick them up in the rear of the church.**
4. If you are bringing bread for a memorial, please let Father Dennis know in advance, so he will not have to prepare the antidiron. Also, please bring it no later than a half hour of the start of the Liturgy, so that there is not a rush to properly display it.
5. If we have a procession, it should be done silently and with reverence. There should be no talking. For the Little and Great Entrances, please get the fans, candles, and crosses ready well before the priest comes from the altar. This prevents the last minute rush and distraction.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation! Father Dennis

200 Club: Our last drawing for the year occurred on June 11. If you wish to participate in the July 2023 to June 2024, 200 Club year, the cost is now \$60. The prizes remain the same. Please give your entry fee to Pierre Hage, Father Dennis, mail it to the church, or put it in the collection basket in an envelope with your name and “200 Club” written on it. We need 21 people to break even! This past year we had 41 people participate. Let’s see if we can get more this year. It is a fund raiser for the parish and you have a chance to win money every month! The money needs to be collected by August 27. Thank you, in advance, for your participation! Father Dennis

Announcement: We are attempting to revise and revitalize the Saint Jude Women’s Club, which has served the parish and many charities and causes since its inception, through the dedication of many devout women. We are changing the name to the Saint Jude and Saint Rita Society. It will be open to both women and men and teenagers. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church for those who are interested. Our primary purpose will be to pray intercessory prayer for those who need prayer. However, faith without works is dead, so we will have formational meetings to see what works of charity we can perform. We will have our second meeting on Sunday, September 24, after Liturgy in the Church Hall.

Holy Rosary: The second and the last Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm, unless we have a Feast Day Liturgy on that particular day. We pray the Rosary with a Byzantine approach using, as our guide, a book by Kenneth Chrusch. Please come and spend 40 minutes with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Church! **In August, we will pray on Wednesday, August 30, at 5:30pm**

Financial update; Bills paid last week:

- ✓ Maintenance: \$1,070.00 to Joan Vaness for doing the following while Father Dennis was on vacation. Emptied the dehumidifiers in church hall for 9 days; fertilized the entire lawn; mowed the lawn; trimmed the lawn; used blower to clean all pavement; weeded gardens; watered flower garden; changed oil and replaced and sharpened blades on the Troy Bilt sit down lawnmower, changed oil and replaced and sharpened blades on the Troy Bilt push mower, repaired the weed trimmer, trimmed all bushes, stocked the Hall bathrooms for use by the AA Groups, bought and placed landscape lights around gardens on right side of the church, greased all lawnmowers.
- ✓ Clergy Conference: \$317.97 for airfare to and from Detroit. Father Dennis is required by the Bishop to attend the Clergy Conference from October 9-13, 2023.
- ✓ Clergy Conference: \$478.00 for the cost of room and board at the retract center for 5 days.
- ✓ Eversource: \$991.99 for electricity for Church Hall, the Church, and the Rectory.
- ✓ Priest Coverage: \$350 while Father Dennis was on vacation:
- ✓ Funeral: \$252.00 for train trip to New Jersey and rental car for Father Basil Samra’s funeral. Room and board was free as Father Dennis was a guest in the rectory.
- ✓ Enders Island: \$528.00 for balance due for picnic.
- ✓ U. S. Bank and Equipment Finance: \$408.49 for 2 months of copier rental

Total bills paid the last week: \$4,396.45. Total collected last week \$8,054.12. We had surplus last week of \$3,657.67. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2022, we have a surplus now of \$17,811.62 in 51 weeks. Our spectrum of donations on a regular basis runs from \$3.00 per week to \$100.00 per week. The parishioners giving toward the higher end of the range are not necessarily the wealthiest, but they have made a commitment to God to give back a larger portion of their finances. It all belongs to God anyway! **“One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.” This is the word of God from Proverbs: Chapter 11, verse 24.** Almsgiving is a very serious matter to God, and a basic obligation of all Christians.

All donations for memorials, baptisms, marriages, priest stole offerings, and funerals are included in the collection total. **Father Dennis does not personally accept money for the Sacraments!**

Last Weekend	Collection			
August 19 & 20	\$8,054.12	40 Adults and 4 Children attended the Liturgies last weekend.	Included in the collection: \$77.00 for candles; \$60.00 for the 200 Club; \$1,020.00 for Enders Island; \$5,500.00 for one year of rent for the Barn by Perry-Lathrop Auto Body; \$164.12 for refund from the Eparchy for exceeding our goal in the Bishop’s Appeal.	Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including Fuel and Building Fund.